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Let there be light. This has ever been the watchword of the Christian Religion. The idea has done more for our Religion and our civilization than any other proposition. It has in these latter days surpassed in value our Religion itself.

How many Texans have awakened to the conception that to Texas has now come the legacy of the world and the experience of all the nations? It is a natural inheritance because we are sifted from all the world. It is a fact because even in youngest infancy we have taught other peoples greater than they knew before. The glory of greatness have fallen upon us as a cloak from the hand of God. It has fallen because we have not asked for it.

Why is it when the Texan goes forth into the world he uniformly achieves? Why do our men compete superiorly with the men of other States, other nations? It is easy and simple. Merely because the Texan has preserved his uncontaminated mentality and purity of blood at whatever cost. We have fought against many of the vices of races and won. We have it in us to conquer them all.

We are what we are because we are the great example of the Survival of the Fittest. We will be the last Americans. When History is written and the Books are closed it will appear that the Texan was ever the First American. We can absorb the soap bubbles of many ages and compress them to an atom. We can also instill such life into these watery atoms as shall astound the imagination of those bred in a less fortunate atmosphere. Liberty in its purest form exists alone in Texas to-day.

Our liberties are of such a pure and natural sort that the unprincipled can and do take advantage of their freedom to a most disgraceful extent. There is a doggerel element of the State press, along with a degenerate element of the human kind, who cannot attain the title of Texan, which is ever trying to undermine the dignity and blacken the purity of our State government. In almost every case these barkers are heard simply because in some instance or other they have been prohibited from the plunder of the Public Funds. At one time, one or two disciples of this strife crept in among the student body of the University of Texas, and although they spoke their own personal opinion they did our University a great and incalculable harm in the eyes of the people of our State.

The Legislature of Texas have been deprecated time and again because they have not rushed into those wise follies of other legislatures. If they had done all of those things which the ignorant have desired them to do they would deserve all of the disregard which men of more wit than gray matter have attempted to cast upon them. As it is, their detractors, like noxious flowers, have been compelled to blossom and stink alone on arid ground.

As a representative of the University of Texas, we are proud to say that this paper is the first that has ever represented all of the best in the University, we have this to say, with all reverence to our State Legislature: we do not so much want the few dollars that you may give as we want the unqualified approval of the work we are doing and the good we are accomplishing.

TEXAS INTERCOLLEGIATE ASSOCIATION.

The manager of the track team, together with the captain, M. M. McMahon and Physical Director Frank Homer Curtiss are endeavoring to secure the formation of a state association for the promotion of track athletics, which association, if formed, will be denominated The Texas Intercollegiate Athletic Association. To this end the following letter has been addressed to the principal colleges and universities of the State.

"To the Manager of Athletics: Dear Sir:—We take the liberty of addressing you with the view of obtaining your co-operation in the formation and organization among the colleges of our State of what might properly be called The Texas Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

"The object of such an association, if formed, would be the cultivation and control at our respective institutions of a healthful growth in track athletics and the promotion of a generous rivalry along these lines among the colleges by the institution of an annual track meet, at which all the members of the association will have as many representatives as they can send.

"The annual meet would consist of the following events: Standing broad jump, running broad jump, running high jump, 120 yard hurdle, 220 yard hurdle, 100 yard dash, 220 yard dash, quarter-mile run, half-mile run, one mile run, putting shot, throwing the hammer, and pole vault, making in all fourteen events. First, second and third places would be contested for in each event. First place would count five points, second place three points, and third place one point. To the college winning the largest number of points in the contest will be given the title for the year of State Champion, and a suitable trophy in commemoration thereof by the resident college. To the winner of first place in each event will be awarded an appropriate prize by the resident college. For further information as to entries, expenses, etc., for this year's meet, address the manager at the University of Texas.

"Now, in order to facilitate the organization of such an association, we recommend that each college form a track team, with manager and captain; that first annual meet be held at the University of Texas in Austin, May —, 1901; that to this meet each college send as many delegates as it can; and that the captains and managers of the team, together with representation of the University of Texas, constitute a committee on constitution and by-laws, to meet and complete organization at the time of the meet in May.

"Let us urge you to co-operate with us in the project and to send representatives to the first meet in May. Do not hang back because you are unable to make high records. They are not to be expected at the first meet. We will all do the best that we can, and in time, perhaps, our association will lead to the making of high records as a sign of our increased athletic efficiency. So do not fail to send delegates on account of lack of marked ability in these lines.

"If our propositions meet with your concurrence, and you find your college willing or desirous of promoting track athletics in this way, let me know of your decision as soon as possible.

"Hoping to receive a favorable re-

ply to our approach, we are, very respectfully,

"J. B. Dibrell, Jr., Manager,
"M. M. McMahon, Captain,
"Frank Homer Curtiss,
"Physical Director."

THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCE.

An interesting lecture was delivered by Dr. Wheeler at the monthly meeting of the Texas Academy of Science last Friday night. It dealt very largely with the work done—the study of ants by the zoological department of the University, and was well illustrated with a stereopticon. The subject proved to be an interesting one and the story of the ants was well and wittily told.

The speaker said the study of science in the future, so far as the zoologist is concerned, will have to do more and more with living organisms. One problem for his investigation will be the psychology of animals, especially the mental development of invertebrates which is greatest in ants.

There are three views of mental activity of ants: First, their mental activity differs from ours in degree only; second, their mental activity is reflex action only; the third, the reporter failed to get, owing to the entrance of some pretty girls, which interrupted the flow of his attention.

One lesson to be learned, by the way, was the fact that man's is not the only state of trouble. Ants, too, have their pests, proving the sage's statement that "these in turn have other flees upon their backs to bite 'em." When we have more visitors than convenient we should remember that the ants have over fourteen hundred different kinds of visitors to consume the results of their labor. The ways of some ants are very interesting. One species grows its own vegetable garden; another "has it in the neck," so to speak, since out of the back of its neck seemingly there grows a parasitic plant.

These are but a few of the phenomena shown, but the point made by the lecturer, and well demonstrated by the instances cited, was the fact that ants do not show any reasoning power, but really show a decided lack of it.

THE 'VARSITY BAND.

The prospects for the 'Varsity band are as usual very bright. Several new instruments are soon to be purchased, and Manager Schoch has ordered some of the very latest pieces of music.

A very interesting number in the band's program for this spring will be the promenade concerts that are to be given twice a week when that moonlit and sentimental season arrives. This will be a great feature in University life. The crowds of students, the B. Hall braves and the Grace Hall angels promenading up and down the Fitzhugh peripitos, Phoebus shedding his last genial rays on a beautiful day, the andantes, pensive, morose, allegros, of the band will lighten the duties of the students, will cement them closer together, and will make life one beautiful moment of music.

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With this number of The Texan I discontinue my labors as a member of its editorial staff, and resign its burdens to more efficient hands. My connection with the paper has been in all respects a pleasant one. The competent band of representative students who have so nobly contributed to its success deserve more praise than the student body or myself are able to offer. They have willingly co-operated in all efforts made to advance the standard of the publication and establish a sound, conservative policy. They deserve all commendation the paper merits. The business management is thoroughly competent, and its work of patience, care, and devotion to duty can scarcely be over-estimated.

The Texan has been open to criticism in many respects, but its faults should be pardoned in consideration of the great disadvantages under which it has labored. In this regard, a few suggestions to the student body may not be out of order. You can hardly understand or appreciate the numerous trials of an editor until clothed with his responsibility. Criticism is an extremely easy task—especially in this day when men's standards of propriety differ so materially. Be not too hasty in your denunciation of principles advocated or sentiments expressed by the editors of your college publications. When false, they are largely attributable to a lack of financial and literary support from the students, whose reasonable duty it is to foster all such university enterprises.

For the courtesies extended to me during my term of service, I am duly grateful. I have earnestly endeavored to improve upon the work of my predecessors. I may have failed in my purpose, but if every editor enters upon his duties with this spirit, our paper must become the peer of any in the South. I regret that my physical condition forces me to sever my relation with The Texan as its editor-in-chief and with the University as a student. I desire to express my sincere thanks to all who have aided me in my work in both capacities.

FRITZ G. LANHAM.

In its next issue The Texan will publish the list of committees appointed by Mr. Phillips, president of the Final Ball. Mr. Phillips in the selection of his committees has laid aside all political preferences or prejudices and has named as his committeemen men representing every phase of college life, and men

at the same time capable and well-qualified for their respective positions.

The Final Ball, as every one knows, is the ball given at the end of the college year to the graduating classes, and in the past it has always been looked upon by the people of the State as an occasion of great splendor, but of still greater true democratic spirit. It is the climax of the year, and an event in which every student ought to take a personal pride and interest. But in order that the ball may be a success the financial backing of the student body is an absolute necessity. It is a students' affair for the students, and should be heartily supported by the students, whether they be dancing men or not.

We are informed that the finance committee will begin to canvass the student body for subscriptions some time this week, and it is the sincere wish of The Texan that the students will subscribe most liberally to its support.

THE STUDENTS' FORUM.

There seems to be a very serious objection to the Freshmen wearing the "U. of T." insignia on their caps. It would appear to me that such stringent regulations as regard wearing of the University name is at once idle and ridiculous. I do not see why everything must be sacrificed to athletics in this institution, and think that a Freshman is as much a part of the University as any of its Foot Ball players, and is entitled to the same privileges.

That the "T" should be reserved for athletics is good and proper. It serves as a mark of athletic distinction, and at the same time indicates the name of the institution. But that the insignia "U. of T." should be prohibited to any of its members, because the "T" is the mark of athletic distinction is depriving other members of the University of their just rights. The junior caps have the "U. of T." on them. Why not order this removed? They are no more entitled to the privilege than we, and yet no kick is raised against them.

The "U. of T." was not put there intentionally to take away athletic honors from those who had won them, but was put there to identify this institution. No other insignia could be selected, because none other existed. And we intend to keep it there until it is ordered removed by the faculty, and I think in this stand we are seconded by the majority of the right thinking men of the University.

A FRESHMAN.

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT FOR TULANE-TEXAS DEBATE.

It is hereby agreed by the undersigned authorized committee, representing the University of Texas and Tulane University, of La., respectively, that:

1. There shall be an annual joint debate for at least three successive years, beginning with 1901 between the University of Texas and Tulane University of La.

2. The debate shall be held at New Orleans in 1901 and 1903, and at Austin in 1902, and, if continued thereafter, shall alternate between the two places, the date of 1904 to be held at Austin. The University of Texas shall have charge of the details of arrangement at Austin, Tulane University shall have charge at New Orleans.

3. The debate each year shall be held in the month of April on the night of the 3rd Friday.

4. The subject of the debate shall be chosen by the University under whose auspices the debate is to be held that year, and shall be submitted to the other University at least three months before the debate. The choice of sides shall rest with the

visiting University, and shall be made within two weeks after the receipt of the subject chosen.

5. The names of the debaters and their alternates shall be exchanged at least a month before the debate. Each University shall select, in whatever manner it pleases, two representatives from the student body in any department without limitation, but no one shall be chosen to represent either University who is not a bona fide student and candidate for a degree, nor shall any person be eligible to appear in any debate until he shall have spent one full academic year at the University which he represents. (This latter limitation shall not apply to Freshmen who have not previously attended another college or institution with authority to confer degrees.)

Each debater shall be allowed two speeches, one of seventeen minutes (17) in direct debate, the other of five (5) minutes in rebuttal. The first series of speeches shall be opened by the affirmative, and shall alternate between the affirmative and negative speakers. The second series (5 minute series) shall be in same order as the first, as far as the two sides of the debate are concerned; but either side may, if it chooses, vary the order of its speakers. The time of the speeches shall be kept by a committee representative of both Universities, though not necessarily composed of students of the Universities.

The contest shall be judged and decided by three judges, who shall be disinterested persons, not connected with either institution in any relation, and chosen as follows:

At least two months before the contest, the University holding the debate shall submit a list of nine persons nominated as judges of the debate, from which number the visiting university shall report back within one week a list of six in the order of preference, the first three available to be the judges of the contest. If no three of the six be available, nor six of the nine be disinterested persons, another list shall be prepared in like manner.

There shall be a consultation of the judges at the conclusion of the debate, and the result of the vote shall be announced at once. In case of a disagreement of the judges, the result of the vote as given shall be announced.

7. The presiding officer shall be chosen by the university under whose auspices the debate is held, subject to the approval of the other university.

8. The University conducting the debate shall assume all financial obligations, except the expenses of the visiting team.

SENIOR CLASS NOTES.

At last the long-talked-of caps and gowns of the Senior Class have come. While it does seem a little early to get them, at least there is one advantage, viz., the class can have its picture taken in them in time to go in the "Cactus."

At a meeting of the class on last Friday the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: Mr. H. Lamar Crosby, president; Miss Mabel Falvey, vice-president; Mr. S. H. Worrell, secretary; Carter T. Dalton, treasurer.

Mr. Ansler was appointed a committee of one to distribute the caps and gowns.

Governor Bob Taylor of Tennessee, who is recognized as the most popular lecturer on the American platform, will appear in the Auditorium Wednesday night. A special price of 35 cents has been made for students. All others 75 cents for reserved seats; general admission 50 cents.

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Sterling Fulmore was absent from classes last week on account of gripe.

Miss Logan Norvell, of Missouri, is visiting her sister, Miss Pearl Norvell.

Dr. Ellis is away from Austin, and will not meet his classes before Saturday.

The senior law class celebrated Saturday—the equity grades were posted on that day.

For those who have Dandruff Cure, for sale at the Elite barber shop.

Judge T. S. Miller, of Dallas, one of 'Varsity's first law professors, was in the city last week.

Many of the students attended Miss Searight's dance at Eighth Street hall Saturday night.

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The Senior caps and gowns have come. Seniors should turn out en masse at all 'Varsity functions held in the chapel henceforth.

Miss Laura Kritser, a member of last year's sophomore class, is visiting Miss Nan Turner. She paid the 'Varsity several pleasant visits last week.

Judge Clarke, who has been suffering with the gripe for some days, is able to be out again. The judge has been missed by all corridor smokers, as well as the other students.

BASKET BALL.

Misses Logan Norvell, assistant director of the young ladies' gymnasium at Missouri State University, and Laura Kritser, who worked in our gymnasium last year, were entertained by some of the young ladies of the gymnasium Saturday morning, by an interesting and exciting game of basket ball, in which the visitors participated.

The following young ladies played in the following capacities: No. 1—Misses Kritser and Key, pitchers; M. Bow, left field; Popplewell, right field; Fiegel, center; Thomas

and Gutzeit, defenders. No. 2—Misses L. Norvell and Matthews, pitchers; Barlowe, left field; Namendorf, right field; Frischmire, center; E. Walker and Small, defenders.

At the end of the first half, the score was six to two in favor of the second side, Miss L. Norvell having thrown all the goals for side No. 2. As Miss Gutzeit was rather exhausted, Miss P. E. Norvell entered the game as goal defender for side No. 1.

At the beginning of the second half, Miss Turner, as umpire, tossed the ball into the air; Miss Fiegel threw it to Miss Key, who made a goal. Later, a foul on side No. 2 gave Miss Kritser a free throw for goal. Amidst excitement, Miss Kritser aimed coolly and gained the goal, leaving the score 6 to 6.

GYMNASIUM NOTES.

The contest for the championship in the standing high jump took place in the gymnasium at 4 p. m. Saturday, resulting as follows:

Russell, 4 feet 4 inches.
 Pantermuehl, 4 feet 2 inches.
 Loomis, 4 feet 1 inch.

Saturday week the contest in running high jump will take place in the gymnasium.

R. H. Harp raised his record in the standing broad jump from 10 feet 3 1/2 inches to 10 feet 4 1/2 inches.

Great interest is being manifested in the approaching gymnastic contest for the Curtiss cup. There are several strong candidates working zealously every day. The contest promises to be very interesting and close. It is impossible to predict who will be the winner. Every thing depends on who strives the hardest.

The gymnasium work is more difficult, and accordingly more interesting than it was before the holidays. There appears to be no diminution in the attendance and interest. On the contrary quite a number are availing themselves of the 5 o'clock class and progressing rapidly. It is a good sign when you see the hardest and closest students regularly attending the physical culture classes. It means that the proper spirit in athletics is being wide spread among the students.

Irregular practice for the track team has begun. It is no uncommon thing to see a number of fellows out throwing the discus and putting the shot nowadays. Regular practice will commence at an early date. In order to have a good beginning all aspirants are urged by the captain and the coach to make application at once, signifying for what events they will try.

GOVERNOR BOB TAYLOR ON "SENTIMENT."

Wednesday night we will have with us the famous ex-governor of Tennessee in a new lecture: Governor Taylor is famous throughout the nation as a gifted interpreter of the love, laughter, and sunshine of our Southland. He can sing a song, tell a joke, and picture the poetry and pathos of Dixie as no other man. The old-time Southern darky lives again in his magic words; Southern plantation life, with its lights and shadows, is wonderfully interpreted by a man who has lived through it all and who possesses the soul of a seer and a heart of gold.

Governor Taylor will be introduced by Speaker Prince. Governor Sayers, Governor Hogg, Judge Reagan, Governor Browning, and other prominent men have been invited to occupy seats on the platform, and the occasion will attract a large number of the members of both Houses, besides the elite of Austin. The Texan proposes that the students attend en masse and give our distinguished guest a royal welcome. Special prices have been made for

us; besides, the lecture is given as a benefit for the piano fund of the Young Ladies' Glee Club, and this fund deserves our recognition and support. Get your seats reserved early and let everybody come.

ASHBEL NOTES.

Wednesday, January 16, was the day for the election of officers of the Ashbel Society. Miss Lula Bailey was unanimously re-elected president. Miss Margaret Holliday being elected vice-president. Miss Elizabeth Simkins was re-elected to her duty as secretary, while Misses Marion Rather and Ima Hogg had the honors of sergeants at arms thrust upon them. Miss Helen Simkins was chosen as representative to The Texan, Misses Kochs and Gutzeit being preserved on the Magazine board.

Miss Annie Laurie Trippet was initiated into the society, and Misses Erin Crane, Olatio Crane, Alma Jones, Mary Heard, and Augusta Rucker were invited to become members.

Two beautiful pictures were presented to the Ashbel by our dear friend, Mrs. James Clark, the mother of the Ashbel Society.

The study for this term being some of the world's greatest musicians, Beethoven was the subject for the afternoon. Miss Jeanne Borroum gave a very interesting sketch of his life. Miss Grace Prather treated the anecdotal side of his genius, and Miss Ima Hogg and Marion Rather delighted all by the rendering of some of his beautiful compositions.

TO ORATORY STUDENTS.

For the benefit of students intending to enter the preliminary for the Interstate and Du Bois contests in oratory, Professor Shurter has posted a list of suggested subjects for orations: The list is "intended to be suggestive merely. In many cases the subjects given below should be restated to indicate a limited and definite theme, and in all cases the student should outline and follow a definite plan of treatment."

Following is the list:

1. Ideas and Ideals for which the University of Texas Stands.
2. The University of Texas as a People's University.
3. Higher Education and the State University.
4. Freedom of Thought and of Speech in American Universities.
5. Prof. Edward A. Ross and Freedom of Thought.
6. Weak Places in Modern Educational Methods.
7. The Scholar in a Republic.
8. College Politics and Preparation for Citizenship.
9. American Diplomacy and the Situation in China.
10. The Growth of the Sense of Nationality in the American People.
11. England's Foreign Policy; Gladstone and Chamberlain.
12. What Social Classes Owe to Each Other.
13. Expansion in Its Relation to the Commerce of the South.
14. The Nicaragua Canal.
15. The Hay-Pauncefote Treaty.
16. Booker T. Washington's Solution of the Negro Problem.
17. The Fifteenth Amendment.
18. The Restriction of Suffrage in the Southern States.
19. Criminal Procedure and Lynch Law.
20. American Institutions; 1776 and 1900.
21. The Statesmanship of the Founders of Texas.
22. The Defense of the Alams.
23. The Function of the Agitator.
24. Sam Houston [Lamar, Rusk, etc.].
25. The Influence of Pericles [or of Bismarck, Gladstone, Lincoln, Lee, Grady, etc.].
26. The Statesmanship of Ed-

ward Burke [or—] as a Guide for To-day.

27. "Chinese" Gordon, the Christian Soldier.

28. The Elimination of Private Profits the Best Solution of the Liquor Problem.

29. The "Smithsonian" System of Profit Sharing.

30. The Judicial Injunction and the Bill of Rights.

31. The Awakening of China.

32. The Coming Conflict of the Slav and the Anglo-Saxon.

33. War and Commerce.

34. Conquest and Christianity.

35. Materialism vs. Spirituality.

36. America and the East [some one phase of.]

37. American Diplomacy and the Chinese Situation.

38. The Partitioning of China.

39. The Constitution and the Flag.

40. Briton and Boer.

41. The New Woman.

42. The Twentieth Century Man.

43. American Heroes and Hero-Worship.

44. —, as a Type of American Citizenship.

45. Democracy.

46. The Puritan and the Cavalier.

47. Militarism.

48. The New Aristocracy.

49. The Reorganization of the Democratic Party.

50. Ancient Landmarks and Twentieth Century Statesmanship.

NOTICE.

The finance committee of the final ball will have its first meeting Thursday afternoon in the history room at 3 o'clock. It is earnestly desired that every member be present, as the meeting will be a very important one.

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 I met a lady sweeter far
 Just for instance.
 And so my little erstwhile beau
 Has brought me into court, you know,
 To gain a little spending "dough"
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Find the moral if you can
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OUR SOCIAL LIFE

One of the problems which recently and seriously has engaged the attention of the college authorities throughout the United States has been that of the social life of those who enter their walls. That the social conditions are not desirable is a matter of common complaint; that a proper solution is difficult to obtain is universally conceded. The obstacles in the way of social control seem insurmountable; for all history declares that, like the leopard's spots, the social inclinations and preferences of mankind are almost ineffaceable. All admit, however, that many of the evils complained of in our college life are not inborn characteristics of those afflicted by them. Such being the case, it is freely admitted that many of these evils could be eradicated if the proper remedy only could be found.

One of the diseases which has affected our social college life has been the narrowness of the individual acquaintance and the fewness of the friendships which each individual forms during his college career. In some of our large Northern universities, it is said, very often those with whom a student of several years' attendance has barely a speaking acquaintance are numerically very small; while the real friendships which he has formed may be counted on his fingers' tips. The tendency is for the students to separate themselves into small cliques, usually centered around the fraternity, club, literary society, or other organizations, each mutually exclusive of the other, thus narrowing, warping, and twisting the social life of the college.

The effect of this condition of affairs upon the life of the individual, in college and out of it, can not be estimated; neither can it be said to what extent it impairs the usefulness of the college and prevents its material development. The friendships of our school days are said to be the strongest we make; and when they are strengthened by college patriotism they become especially worthy. Self-interest, therefore, would dictate a wide circle of such friendships. If we permit ourselves to fall into the habit of living within the confined social limits of which I have just spoken the habit thus formed will materially affect our well being socially, morally and financially.

Success in social life may be said largely depend upon the ability of the individual to make himself agreeable to every one, to be at perfect ease with every one, and to be able to impart to others the joy we feel in our own hearts, or at least, not to dampen the enthusiasm of our associates by an apparent indifference to present surroundings. These qualities are not an absolute gift; they can be acquired only by experience, more or less wide. At our circle of friends is very small, although they may be possessed of many valuable traits, we can not expect to "shine" in the social world outside. Besides, the friends we form here when we pass out into the real world will be able to open the door for us into many places we would otherwise be unable to enter.

The result upon our moral natures may be seen in a narrow, unsympathetic disposition manifested in regard to those beyond the pale of our friendships. He who has allowed himself to become permanently out of touch with the great pulsating heart throb of humanity is largely, if not altogether, deprived of his usefulness. If, therefore, we desire to measure our lives by the greatness of our deeds we must see to it that no narrow views have made themselves a part of our natures. He who would become great must know and sympathize with the loves, and joys, and hates of the masses among

whom he lives; he must be able to know them as they are, and to lead them where prudence and right would dictate. This he can not do if he is a victim of the evil of which I have spoken.

Nor can such habits be of any benefit in the financial world. Business and professional men demand affability of him who would serve them in any capacity; and especially is this true if those whose occupations partake of a public or semi-public nature. The affability of any individual may make or mar his financial destiny; if he would make a success of his enterprise he must be able to impart to his business associates the same confidence, assurance, and enthusiasm which he himself feels. This he can not do if his prior training has been such as to unfit him for the work he wishes to do.

Every dictate of self, or even selfish, interest demands that the practice of which I have just spoken be not too greatly indulged. It wields a powerful influence in moulding our every destiny; and if we would make a success of that which we call life we can not afford to blight our opportunities by such practices.

Nor can the effect upon the well being of the college be measured. The psychology of crowds has afforded quite an interesting study to those interested in the social sciences during recent years. Many things have been learned, but perhaps chief among them is the fact that the greater the assemblage, the greater its susceptibility to the emotions of the hour. Practically, it is impossible to stir men to action when they are gathered together in twos and threes. Political leaders are well aware of this fact; hence they resort to the mass-meeting and the torchlight procession to secure the requisite enthusiasm and to influence the wavering voter. If we would secure a satisfactory amount of college spirit, if we would have a respectable amount of enthusiasm, it is necessary occasionally to assemble our students together. This can not be done if small cliques and circles of friends are formed in the manner complained of. Such practices tend to impair college enthusiasm and patriotism, and to prevent endowment; they fail to secure new students as rapidly as might be, and thus prevent the best development of college influence.

Apropos of these facts, college authorities throughout the world are devoting much attention to the study of social influence in their institutions with a view to a betterment. What the outcome will be remains to be seen. But it appears to the writer that whatever the result of the study, the remedy will have to be applied by the students themselves. No amount of work or legislation by college authorities will avail unless the students can be made to see the error of their way, and turn their footsteps into right and proper paths. It is a fit subject for student control and nothing short of student enterprise can avail.

Now, let us apply the light of these observations to the University of Texas. Let us place ourselves in the crucible and see if we can stand the test; let us measure ourselves by proper standards and see if we are fit for measurement.

Since the close of the football season not a yell has been heard upon the college campus. With the expiration of the season our athletic enthusiasm seems to have wasted away like autumn's withered forest leave. We can hardly get enough together at a mass-meeting to fill the requisite official positions thereof. Dr. Penick faithfully has been endeavoring to train a creditable glee club, but those with the best voices have persistently refused to join the organization and lend to it their assistance and encouragement. Little

has been heard of late of the young ladies' glee club which Prof. Ludwig undertook to train. We hear little of the orchestra nowadays; and the band has given us no serenade since the holidays. The literary societies are not properly attended, and the amount of interest displayed in regard to the coming debates is so small as to be hardly perceptible.

Time was when each of the classes endeavored to have some sort of social functions, at least once during each of the three terms. The Freshmen managed to have a reception at the residence of the president, and the sophomores later succeeded in having a german at Eighth Street hall. The Junior Laws talked of some sort of an affair, but it was put off until after the holidays, since which not a whisper has been heard in regard to it. The Senior Laws seem to be engulfed in apathy, while the Junior and Senior Academics—well, they may exist, but if they do, nobody seems to have heard of it. Not an entertainment of any kind has given notice to 'Varsity that they even have a class organization. Poor things! Somebody ought to awaken them from their slumber with a liberal dash of cold water and inform them that 'Varsity looks to them to lead the college life. Last year there were members of the graduating class in the academic department who hardly knew one another on the street. What sort of a college spirit can you build up under such conditions? Surely no sane man would expect much of an organization so loosely bound together. Seniors, you should do better!

Let us pause now and ask ourselves the question, Where are we? Why this lethargy? Why this apathy? Is this what we are here for? Surely this is not the end and aim of our college existence. Surely this is not what the people of Texas expect of us.

Truly we may be said to be divided into two general classes, the one a gang of sports, comparatively small, and of little real moment, but with a far reaching influence—the other a gang of "polers," relatively large, who "dig" at their class room work from morning till night, and let the old hulk drift where she will. These last compose the real student body, for the first are only twenty-five or thirty strong.

I wish to ask, is what we get from text books the end and aim of our existence? A majority seem to think so; but is the majority always right? Those whom I have called polers are our best students, 'Varsity is doing much for them; but what are they doing for 'Varsity? For one thing they stay at home and never give the world an opportunity to judge 'Varsity by them; for another thing, with scarcely a protest or an effort at control they let themselves and 'Varsity be judged by the other crowd, the least worthy and undesirable 3 per cent of the entire enrollment. For another, they apparently are devoid of gratitude to 'Varsity for what she has done for them. Much more might be said; but it seems to me this is enough.

Students! Don't ask what is the matter with 'Varsity. Ask yourselves what is the matter with you. Shall this state of things continue—nay, shall it get worse; for it has been growing worse all of these years? Rouse yourselves to action! Do your duty now! Do your duty. Do your duty now! Let the student council movement have your help. Revive your class organizations, put some life into it, and have some fun as you go along. Don't let the Final Ball, as heretofore, grow less and less a student affair, and more and more a state affair. Lend your assistance to all worthy student enterprises—in short, put your shoulder firm against the wheel and help shove the thing along. If you do, if you will, you will see 'Varsity

grow as she has never grown before. Truly she will become great, which she can not do without your help. Will you do it?

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